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NEW CIRCULAR AVAILABLE
FOR BIRD-BANDING WORKERS

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For the information of those who are cooperating in the bird-banding work of the Biological Survey, game officials, and others interested in bird life, a new Miscellaneous Circular, No. 13, has been issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. It was prepared by Frederick C. Lincoln, an assistant in this branch of the biological investigations of the bureau, and is entitled "Instructions for Banding Birds."

Descriptions of various types of traps are included, together with careful directions for handling birds when banding them and for making records and reports in the proper way.

Bird banding operations are expected to furnish the solution to a number of perplexing problems connected with the habits of migratory birds. How fast, for example, do the individuals of any species travel on their periodic migrations? Do migrating birds make the same stop-overs every year to feed? Do they always follow the same route? How long do birds live? Answers to these and many other important questions will be furnished, in the course of time, from the records of banded birds.

The circular is available to those professionally interested in the work, as long as the supply lasts. It can be obtained by applying to the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

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